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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL, DR. JAMES R. WRIGHT AND  
-- MR. JAMES L. HAECKER, NBS/SFCP

1. NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS REQUESTS U.S. EMBASSY TO  
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. MOSTAFA EL-HIFNAWI  
CHAIRMAN, GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND  
PLANNING RESEARCH, HOUDPLAN, CAIRO:

"JAMES L. HAECKER, U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN HAS COMPLETED REPORT  
OF U.S.-EGYPT JOINT WORKING GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL ON STANDARDS AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY  
SUMMARIZING MEETING NOVEMBER 18-19. COPIES BEING SENT  
UNDER SEPARATE COVER VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

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"DR. JAMES R. WRIGHT, ACTING DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF  
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, AND JAMES  
L. HAECKER EXPECT TO VISIT IN CAIRO IN JANUARY 1977.  
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PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT IS TO DISCUSS PRIORITY PROJECTS UNDER  
CONSIDERATION BY THE WORKING GROUP, NEW PROJECTS, AND  
OBTAIN FIELD INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE  
EGYPTIAN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMMUNITY RELATED TO THE  
PROJECTS OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP. THEIR ITINERARY  
FOLLOWS:

"JANUARY 13 ARRIVE CAIRO, 5:35 PM VIA TWA FLIGHT NO. 840, REQUEST ACCOMMODATIONS BE MADE AT SHEPPARDS HOTEL, NILE HILTON OR MERRIDIAN FOR JANUARY 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 FOR BOTH WRIGHT AND HAECKER. HAECKER ALSO FOR 18. WRIGHT DEPARTING CAIRO JANUARY 18 VIA TWA 841 AT 8:30 AM. HAECKER DEPARTING CAIRO JANUARY 19 VIA TWA 841 AT 8:30 AM. HAECKER WILL SUGGEST SPECIFIC ITINERARY IN CAIRO IN A LETTER WHICH WILL FOLLOW. SUGGEST WRIGHT AND HAECKER SHOULD INCLUDE VISIT TO SUEZ AND/OR ISMAILIA AREA."

DUE TO INFLEXIBLE TRAVEL DATES OF JANUARY 13 THROUGH 19 NBS WILL APPRECIATE ANY HELP POSSIBLE IN OBTAINING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS.

NBS AUTHORIZES EMBASSY TO DISBURSE FUNDS IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS EQUIVALENT OF U.S. DOLLARS 250 FOR PER DIEM FOR WRIGHT AND U.S. DOLLARS 300 FOR HAECKER, AS WELL AS U.S. DOLLARS 100 EACH FOR MISCELLANEOUS OFFICIAL EXPENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SGTR, CHARGING APPROPRIATION 13XO160. THESE FUNDS ARE RESERVED FOR TRAVEL UNDER NBS GRANT NBS(G)-192, PROJECT NUMBER 8737355; REFERENCE AIRGRAM STATE A-3786. KISSINGER

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